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SUBJECT: SLOVAK REACTION TO "NO BUSINESS AS USUAL IN THE NRC" DEMARCHE

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Classified By: Political Economic Chief Susan Ball for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Pol/Econ Chief met September 22 with Juraj Podhorsky, Director of the MFA's Security Policy Division, to deliver reftel points. Podhorsky said that the GOS would give serious consideration to U.S. views as outlined reftel, but that it had not yet taken a position regarding the advisability of NRC PrepCom meetings. Podhorsky added that the Slovaks agree that it is premature to consider Ambassadorial-level meetings of the NRC, but that Slovakia wants to keep the lines of communication between NATO and Russia open. Pol/Econ Chief stressed that the U.S. also wanted to maintain communication on areas of priority importance, but that that can be achieved through lower-level meetings on an ad hoc basis.

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